

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Claims 4-7, drawn to non-elected inventions, have been cancelled.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James J. Kelly on January 23, 2009.

Prior to the first line of the first page of the specification, the following has been inserted:

- - Reference to Related Applications

This application is a 371 of PCT/JP05/11437 filed June 22, 2005 - - .

In the specification, after page 12, line 12, the following has been inserted:

- - Brief Description of the Drawings

Fig. 1 illustrates a chart of liquid chromatography obtained in the separation test of proteins using the packing material for liquid chromatography obtained in Example 1.

Fig. 2 illustrates a chart of liquid Chromatography obtained in the separation test of proteins using the Packing material for liquid chromatography obtained in Comparative Example I. - -

On page 21, lines 2-9 of the specification, "Brief Example I" has been deleted.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: U.S. Patent No. 7,033,505 is considered to be the closest art because it claims a similar invention.

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The case has been allowed because the terminal disclaimer of January 21, 2009 negates the possibility of a double patenting rejection.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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